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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Supervisors:

Board of Supervisors  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES: RESTRUCTURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOUTH COUNCIL (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

- 1) Approve the restructuring of the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (LACWIB) Youth Council, to require that its membership be comprised of the mandatory membership categories stipulated by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA): (1) members of the local board with special interest or expertise in youth policy; (2) representatives of youth services agencies, including juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies; (3) representatives of local public housing authorities; (4) parents of eligible youth; (5) former WIA programs participants that have experience relating to youth activities; (6) representative of Job Corps, as appropriate, and include one additional optional representative,
- 2) Authorize the Director of Department of Community and Senior Services, or designee, to proceed with the restructure of the Youth Council, in conjunction with the LACWIB.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

WIA was signed into law on August 7, 1998, to reform youth programming and place new emphasis on serving youth within a comprehensive workforce development system that integrates both summer and year-round services for youth. WIA Section 117(h) requires that a Youth Council be established as an advisory and policy sub-committee of the LACWIB, to provide expertise in youth policy and assist the LACWIB in developing and recommending local youth employment and training policies.

Your Board established the LACWIB Youth Council on October 31, 2000. The structure approved at that time, comprised both mandatory representatives required by WIA, and optional representatives. During 2005, Youth Council meetings were held infrequent due to low membership participation. This trend continued during 2006, and as a result, the Youth Council was rendered inactive. The LACWIB has reviewed the structure of the Youth Council and is recommending that your Board approve a revised membership structure, comprised of the mandatory membership categories stipulated by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and include one additional optional representative. This revised membership structure will allow the Youth Council to fulfill its mandate as stipulated by WIA.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:**

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals to achieve Service Excellence; Workforce Excellence; and Children and Families' Well-Being.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

WIA is 100 percent federally funded, including all program and administrative costs. Therefore, there is no impact on the County's General Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The County of Los Angeles has been designated by the State as a Workforce Investment Area for the purpose of administering WIA. The administration of WIA programs meets the County's responsibility to the State to ensure that workforce investment programs/services are provided in the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Area.

WIA stipulates mandatory membership categories for the Youth Council and gives the LACWIB Chair, in cooperation with the Board of Supervisors, the authority to appoint additional optional representatives who are able to contribute to the fulfillment of the Youth Council's mandate. The Youth Council is currently a required advisory and policy sub-committee to the LACWIB, as stipulated by WIA.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The restructuring of the Youth Council would make it easier to establish meeting quorums to allow the full utilization of members' expertise, and maximize their impact on vital youth-related matters. It would also ensure Los Angeles County's compliance with WIA requirements and assist the LACWIB to develop and recommend local youth employment and training policies, as stipulated by WIA.

Respectfully Submitted,



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